

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 621

By Jernigan

A RESOLUTION to recognize John E. Burns for his induction into the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated Holland Club.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those veterans who, through their endeavors, are leaders in their communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, John E. Burns is one such individual, and he will be inducted into the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated (USSVI) Holland Club on April 9, 2016, after qualifying in submarines fifty-one years ago; and

WHEREAS, formed to commemorate the nearly 4,000 submariners who have given their lives to their country, the USSVI was founded in 1963, and its membership is limited to current and former U.S. military personnel who have earned the “Qualified in Submarines” designation; and

WHEREAS, the Holland Club, which was named after John Phillip Holland, an engineer who developed the first submarine to be formally commissioned by the United States Navy, is open only to those USSVI members who have remained qualified in submarines for fifty years, national life members in good standing, and annual members in good standing for five or more consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns joined the United States Navy in 1962 and served as an Electronics Technician First Class, ET1(SS). He qualified in submarines as an Electronics Technician Third Class in 1965 aboard the USS *Sam Houston* (SSBN-609), and was honorably discharged in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns has demonstrated remarkable knowledge, ability, and integrity in carrying out his many responsibilities, earning the respect and gratitude of all who served with him and received the benefit of his tireless devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Mr. Burns on this outstanding achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend John E. Burns on his impending induction into the USSVI Holland Club, extending our deepest gratitude for his many years of sterling service as a member of the United States Navy and our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.